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WELCOME TO THE 2ND ANNUAL PIKES PEAK LAVENDER FILM FESTIVAL

Thank you for joining us for the 2ND ANNUAL PIKES PEAK LAVENDER FILM FESTIVAL. We built on the momentum and production experience from last year's festival and expanded to three days and added four more feature films. Our 2001 program touches on more transgender and bisexual themes and includes better lesbian films with more women directors— although, we would have preferred more films to choose from! The films we present at the Fine Arts Center highlight the programs of the most prestigious LGBT film festivals worldwide this year.

As we planned this event, we often worried that we grew too fast. We wondered if we could gain an audience in Colorado Springs. Our worry was needless; the tremendous outpourings of support from individuals and businesses in our community gratified us. Without a doubt, we could not have had this film festival without our sponsors and you. We urge you to patronize the businesses whose contributions made this festival possible. Thanks, also, to the many LGBT organizations whose efforts create the milieu to make this possible. Tell them you appreciate their commitment!

We envision that this film festival will provide a forum for understanding and will lift the spirits of the LGBT community and our many friends. We thank you for being here. We hope you enjoy the 2ND ANNUAL PIKES PEAK LAVENDER FILM FESTIVAL.

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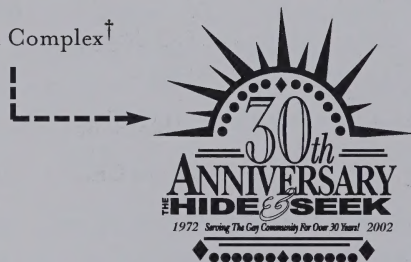
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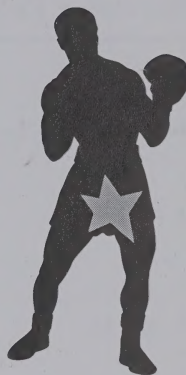
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OPENING NIGHT
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2001

6:30 P.M.

Reception catered by the Picnic Basket

7:30 P.M.

Introductions: Alma Cremonesi

Welcome: City Councilman Richard Skorman



8:00 P.M.

FEATURE FILM: *THE MONKEY'S MASK*

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The Monkey's Mask Everyone will be spellbound by Diana, the alluring poetry professor played by Kelly McGillis (*Top Gun*, *The Accused*). The film is based on Dorothy Porter's acclaimed erotic murder mystery written in verse. Jill (Susie Porter), a dyke private eye, meets the enigmatic Diana while investigating the case of a missing poet. The story begins to twist and thicken as a body turns up dead, and Jill, with very little to go on, looks for clues in the poet's work; its taunting lines to unknown lovers ringing in her brain. It's not long before the professor and the detective are creating their own twists and turns to a murder mystery that will keep you guessing till the very end. Director Samantha Lang has created a daring follow-up to her first feature *The Well*. Opening Night Film at the 2001 London Lesbian and Gay Film Festival where this controversial film sparked heated debate among festival-goers. DIR. SAMANTHA LANG 2001 AUSTRALIA 91 MINUTES 35MM

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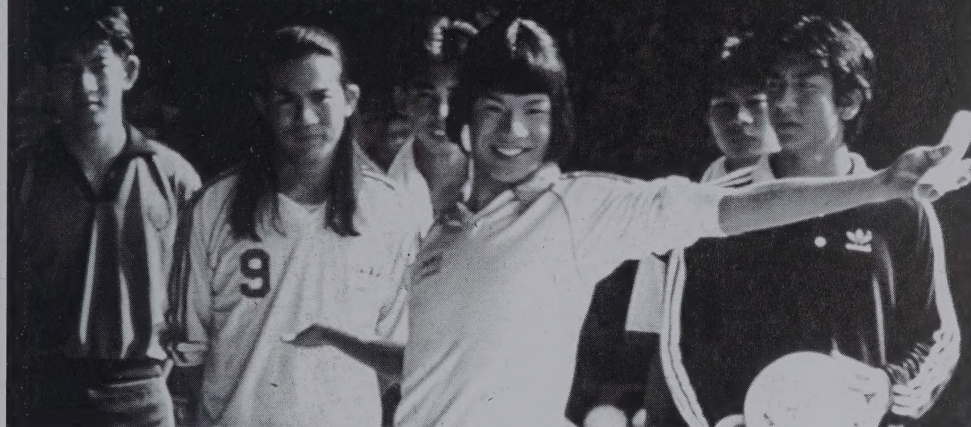


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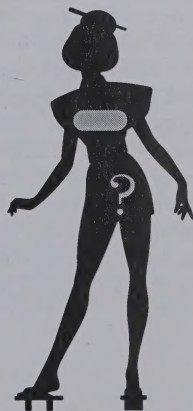
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Iron Ladies (Satree Lex) You'll laugh, you'll cry, and you'll delight in the antics of the little volleyball squad that could. The macho world of Thai national sports competitions can't fathom that lesbian coach Bee has assembled her "dream team" from such an unlikely assortment of characters. When April, May, and June, the transvestite triplets join the team, the fun really begins. Facing parental shame, homophobic violence, and public discrimination, this lovable crew struggles to become a cohesive unit. The improbable story of this misfit team who against all odds make it to the Thai male national championships in 1996 becomes even more fantastic by the fact that it is based on a true story. Winner Audience Award for Best Feature, 2001 San Francisco International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival. IN THAI WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES. DIR. YONGYOO THONGKONTHUN 2000 THAILAND 104 MINUTES 35MM



FILMS RESUME TOMORROW AT 11:30 A.M.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2001

11:30 A.M.

SHORT FILM: *RICK AND STEVE* —
THE HAPPIEST GAY COUPLE IN ALL THE WORLD
EPISODE 2 "SCARY STRAIGHT PEOPLE"

Q.Allan Brocka, director, winner of our Audience Award last year, returns to our festival with the second episode of his Rick and Steve series. Steve's parents arrive unexpectedly, and we are treated to a hilarious coming out satire. 2001 USA 8 MINUTES, VIDEO

FEATURE FILM: *SOUTHERN COMFORT*

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Southern Comfort With a natural beauty, quiet power, and a clear voice, Kate Davis has created one of the most remarkable documentaries of our times about gender, family, and love relationships. *Southern Comfort* is a wonderfully humanistic portrait of transgender life as it is lived deep inside Ku Klux Klan territory in the rural trailer community of Toccoa, Georgia. Robert Eads is a female-to-male transsexual suffering from ovarian cancer. Robert falls in love with Lola Cola, a sultry male-to-female transsexual, but as hard as he tries to resist, in the face of his impending death, the romance blooms beautifully in bittersweet irony. Awards: Grand Jury Documentary Prize at the 2001 Sundance Film Festival as well as Best Documentary at both the San Francisco International Film Festival and at Hot Docs in Toronto, 2001. DIR. KATE DAVIS 2000 USA 90 MINUTES VIDEO

20 MINUTE BREAK



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2001

1:30 P.M.

SHORT FILM: *JEFFREY'S HOLLYWOOD*
SCREEN TRICK

Director Todd Downing satirizes the recent spate of sunny gay romantic comedies with buckets of blood. In this humorous spatterfest, the question is posed, "Can dolls find true love?" 2001 USA 11 MINUTES, 35MM

FEATURE FILM: *BURNT MONEY*
(PLATA QUEMADA)

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Burnt Money (Plata Quemada) At the heart of this explosive action thriller is the red-hot passion shared by two gay bank robbers, Angel and Nene, an inseparable killing-machine duo known to the rest of the world as *Los Mellizos (The Twins)*. What's more, their story is true, based on a spectacular 1965 crime spree that held Argentina and Uruguay in a two-month state of terror. After robbing an armored car full of hot cash with their swaggering straight getaway driver, and a pile of dead cops later, they all become front-page fugitives. Be prepared for some blood-soaked scenes of violence reminiscent of the groundbreaking film *Bonnie and Clyde*. *Plata Quemada* boasts three equally sexy young stars of Spanish and Argentine cinema. Awards: Best Cinematography, Best Sound, 2000 Havana Film Festival; Best Spanish Language Foreign Film, 2001 Goya Awards (Spain). IN SPANISH WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES. DIR. MARCELO PIÑEYRO 2000 ARGENTINA 125 MINUTES 35MM

15 MINUTE BREAK



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2001

4:00 P.M.

SHORT FILM: *ONE KISS*

Director Tracy Michele Tabb tells the story of woman who hears her high school heartthrob is getting married. She forsakes her vulnerability and risks all to attend the wedding and encounters a surprising gift from the bride-to-be. 2000 USA 22 MINUTES, VIDEO

FEATURE FILM: *THE GIRL*

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The Girl The allure of a mysterious woman is known to be a preoccupation of many great artists. But in the hands of director Sande Zeig and author Monique Wittig (*The Lesbian Body*), this tale takes an exhilarating twist. A young Artist becomes obsessed with a gorgeous nightclub Singer after a night of passion. Losing sense of her work, she expends all her creative energy on trying to unravel the Singer's enigma. Though the Singer alludes to the meaningfulness their trysts offer her, she maintains a veil of mystery by refusing to disclose her name, making it that much sweeter. But the Artist may have discovered the real reason for her secretiveness: a Man, who she spots lurking in the shadows of the streets, the nightclub, and accompanying the Singer when the two women are apart. Sensual, timeless, and literate, *The Girl* is set in a Paris as enigmatic as the story itself, with cobblestone streets giving way to the mysterious, the passionate, and the dangerous. DIR. SANDE ZEIG 2000 USA/France 84 MINUTES 35MM

25 MINUTE BREAK



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2001

6:15 P.M. **SHORT FILM: *BOYCHICK***

Glenn Gaylord, Director. Knowing a little Yiddish may help you appreciate the rollicking humor of a day in the life a young man who channels his *Inner Britney* to pursue the boy of his dreams. 2001 USA 12 MINUTES, 35MM

FEATURE FILM: *ALL OVER THE GUY*

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All Over the Guy Tom and Eli meet on a blind date set up by their straight friends, but it quickly becomes obvious that they are a mismatched pair. Tom (Richard Ruccolo) is a gorgeous chain-smoking, heavy drinking schoolteacher who shops at flea markets for vintage martini sets. Eli (Dan Bucatinsky who also wrote the script) is a cute and nerdy romantic who likes to watch marathon re-runs of "The X-Files." They don't hit it off until they start talking about movies, but even then Tom can't believe that "any self-respecting gay man could possibly like *In and Out*." Christina Ricci, as Eli's sister, and Lisa Kudrow, as an apathetic voiceover actor, give marvelous cameos. Closing Night film at the 2001 San Francisco International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival. DIR. JULIE DAVIS
2001 USA 94 MINUTES 35MM

15 MINUTE BREAK

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2001

8:15 P.M.

SHORT FILM: *PRACTICAL POSES FOR THE PRACTICAL ARTIST*

Director Jusitine V. Franko takes us back to when women wore corsets. Spawned by power, lust and greed, a family is up to its usual erotically charged antics. This time Hester and her Lady's Maid have another plan. 2001 18 MINUTES, VIDEO

FEATURE FILM: *JULIE JOHNSON*

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Julie Johnson Cult-fave Lili Taylor (*I Shot Andy Warhol*) and bad-girl pop icon Courtney Love (*The People Vs. Larry Flynt*) find romance amidst the banality of suburban life in this touching, defiantly unconventional tale of self-discovery and new beginnings. Director Bob Gosse (*Niagara, Niagara*) elicits great performances from his two leads and captures the intimacy of their relationship with a rare tenderness and earthy sensuality. Julie Johnson's transformation from dutiful homemaker to aspiring scientist speaks to the dreamer in all of us, in a film that is a beguiling addition to contemporary lesbian cinema. With music by Liz Phair. DIR. BOB GOSSE 2000 USA 94 MINUTES 35MM

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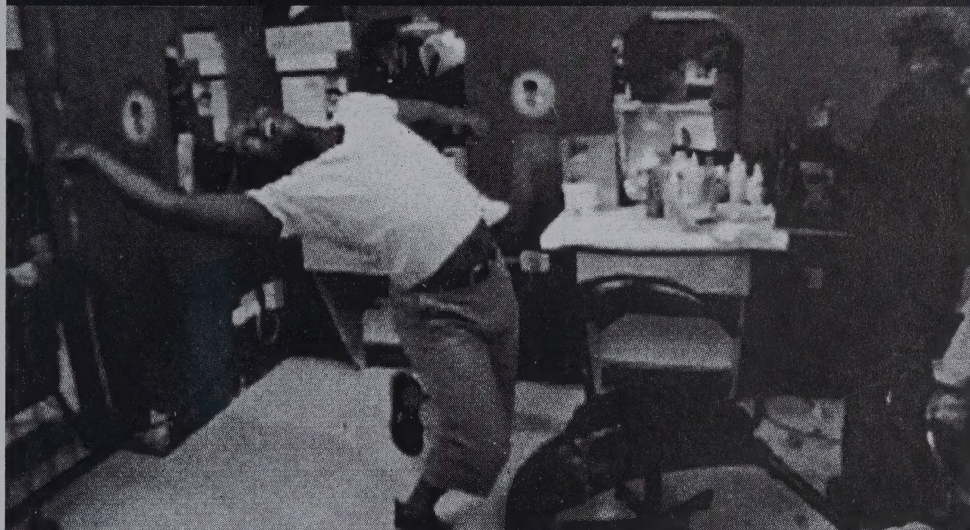
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11:15 A.M. **SHORT FILM: *Josi***

Director: Paulo Albeton. South Africa is the only country in the world whose constitution protects gays and lesbians from discrimination. Josi (short for Johannesburg) gives us a history of this accomplishment. 2000, SOUTH AFRICA 30 MINUTES, VIDEO

**FEATURE FILM: *DARK AND LOVELY,*
*SOFT AND FREE***

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Dark and Lovely, Soft and Free is a video documentary that follows a network of gay friends and hair stylists to small towns, rural areas and urban peripheries in South Africa.

In Mpumalanga, we meet Mbongeni who runs the Optimum Unisex Salon and is a devout member of a local branch of the Zionist Church in Ermelo. We visit the small town of Amsterdam, where Sithembele has recently found a job, and sleeps uncomfortably between the saloon owner's two handsome sons. We learn about the mothers and daughters of Sakhile. We meet Thabo, a traditional healer from the farming district of Platrand, as he has his hair beaded by his aunt. We travel to the mining town of Virginia in the Free State, where we are introduced to Pule, a miners wife, who retains her own personal stylist and beautician. Seduced by a snap shot in a personal photograph album, we track down Themba, stylist and winner of the 1996 title "Mister Hope and Unity Metropolitan Community Church". We also chat to the reigning Miss Queenstown and Miss Eastern Cape as they have their hair done in dramatically different styles.

In all we travel a fascinating 2,500 miles and end up back in "Jberg" (or "Johannesburg") with our host and traveling companion, Zakhi Radebe.
DIR. PAULO ALBERTON/GRAEME REID 1999 SOUTH AFRICA/BRAZIL
52 MINUTES VIDEO

25 MINUTE BREAK





SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2001

1:30 P.M.

SHORT FILM: *BARE*

Directors Deb Strutt and Liz Baulch's funny film depicts a gay man looking with great interest at two lesbians having sex. Is he a peeping Tom and is he turned on?
2000 AUSTRALIA 9 MINUTES, 16MM

FEATURE FILM: *LOVE=ME3*

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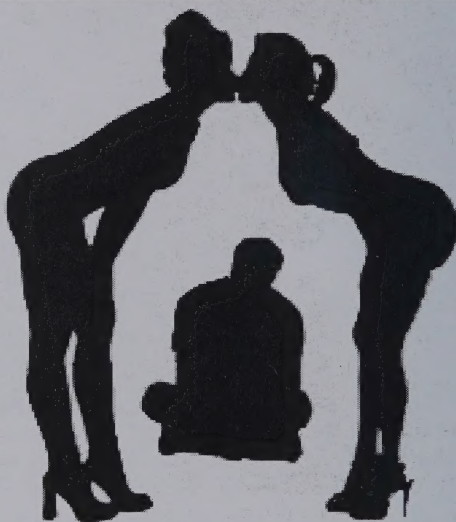
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Love = ME 3 Cuban-born writer and director Agustin creates a refreshing and engaging take on the classic ménage a trois. Monica (Angelica Ordoñez) and Kelly (Evly Pacheco) are deeply in love with one another and confident in their relationship. Then they meet handsome, and charming Tony and decide to embark on an exploration of shared passions. Life for the three new lovers is immediately electric. Yet, their family and friends cast doubts. When Monica begins to feel threatened by Kelly and Tony's closeness, she throws the entire threesome into turmoil. Can Kelly and Tony convince her of their shared desire for her, or is their relationship ruined? Told in mockumentary-style, this film with its New York based cast, is a delightful, provocative, and intelligent examination of how we order and disorder our love relationships. Based on a true story. DIR. AGUSTIN 2000 USA 92 MINUTES VIDEO

20 MINUTE BREAK



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2001

3:30 P.M.

SHORT FILM: *TOM CLAY JESUS*

Director Hoang A. Duong describes a sexual liaison between Tom and Clay. Tom goes on his way but Clay yearns for more and can not get another date. Clay changes his identity to Jesus in hopes of uncovering the truth about Tom. 2001 USA 17 MINUTES, 35MM

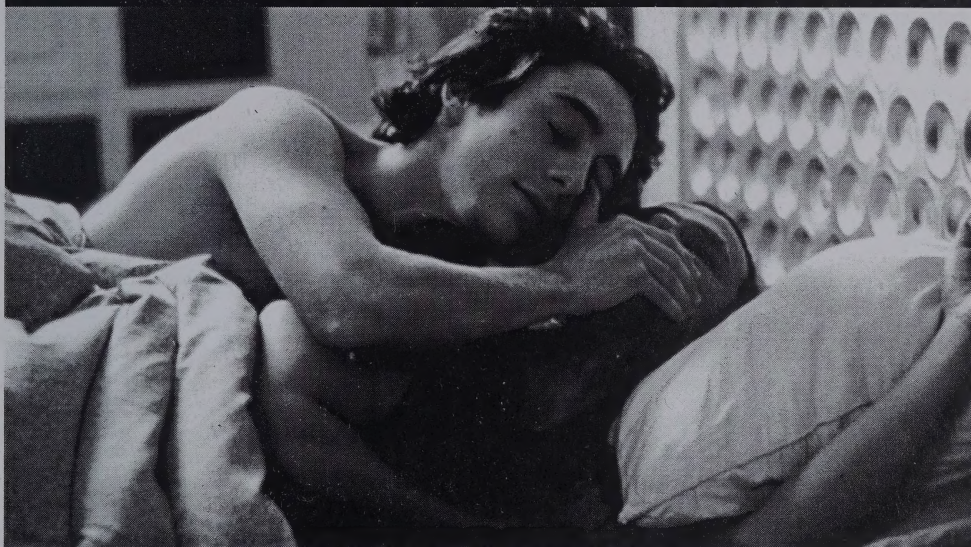
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The Adventures of Felix (Drole de Felix) highlights a week in the life of the title character. While cleaning his deceased mother's apartment, Felix comes across letters from the Arab father he never knew. Laid off from his job in Normandy, Felix decides to use the free time to locate his father. In the course of hitchhiking across the French countryside to his father's last known address in Marseilles, he meets and befriends a number of people who come to symbolize family relationships that Felix never had. The movie's sections entitled "My Little Brother", "My Grandmother", "My Cousin" and "My Sister" show how these various people impact Felix's life within a space of a few days.

The film candidly explores racism, AIDS and homophobia, and treats the main character's gay relationships in a forthright and realistic manner. Felix's adventures provide insight into the relationships of our own families and friendships. FRENCH W/ENGLISH SUBTITLES. DIR. OLIVIER DUCASTEL AND JACQUES MARTINEAU 2001 FRANCE 97 MINUTES 35MM

20 MINUTE BREAK



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2001

5:45 P.M.

SHORT FILM: *MEETING (ENTREVUE)*

Director Marie-Pierre Huster. A prospective job becomes much more intriguing when a woman discovers that last night's tryst was with the boss' wife. 1999 FRANCE
9 MINUTES 35MM

FEATURE FILM: *LOST AND DELIRIOUS*

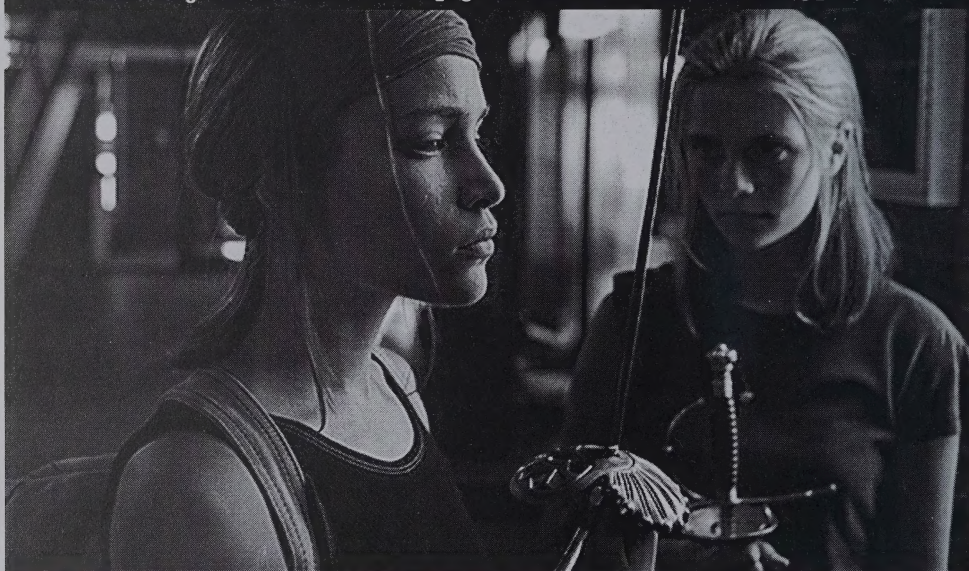
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Lost and Delirious With *Lost and Delirious*, the Quebec-based Lea Pool (*Set Me Free*) brings us her first English-language film, adapted from Susan Swan's novel, *The Wives of Bath*. The film offers a passionate performance by Piper Pirabo (*Coyote Ugly*) who plays a striking, sharp-witted and rebellious Paulie. Tory (Jessica Pare), Paulie's lover, is the daughter of uptight, wealthy parents. Mary/Mouse (Mischa Barton) arrives at Perkins Girls' College, and observes this romance unfolding before her. These three bond over loss: Mouse has lost her mother, Paulie lost the parents who gave her up for adoption, and Tory is losing herself to fit her parents' expectations. They become inseparable. Mary's friendship with the two women evolves with little complication until the two lovers are discovered. Tory feels compelled to end the relationship, Mary is caught in the middle, and Paulie refuses to give up the relationship easily. DIR. LÉA POOL 2000 CANADA 100 MINUTES 35MM

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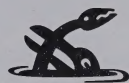
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8:00 P.M.

SHORT FILM: *No DUMB QUESTIONS*

Director Melissa Regan's touching documentary about three sisters, ages 6, 9 and 11 who struggle to understand the gender transition of their uncle. Winner of this year's Audience Award at the San Francisco International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival. 2001 USA 24 MINUTES, VIDEO

FEATURE FILM: *HEDWIG AND THE ANGRY INCH*



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Hedwig and the Angry Inch With wicked humor, explosive imagination, and a gold mine of original rock 'n' roll, John Cameron Mitchell makes an illustrious debut with this screen adaptation of his critically acclaimed off-Broadway hit, *Hedwig and the Angry Inch*. Hedwig was born a boy named Hansel in Communist East Berlin who dreamed of finding his other half and becoming a big American rock star. When a handsome American GI promises love and liberation, it's a dream come true. But there's a catch, in order to marry and emigrate he must "leave a little something behind." A beautiful and transcendent spiritual journey, this brilliantly conceived musical is every bit as powerful on screen. A sparkling performance by Mitchell as Hansel/Hedwig, a Grammy-nominated soundtrack by Stephen Trask, and beautiful animation sequences by Emily Hubley. Awards: Dramatic Audience Award & Dramatic Directing Award, 2001 Sundance Film Festival; Teddy (G/L) for Best Feature Film, 2001 Berlin International Film Festival; Best Actor (Mitchell), 2001 Seattle Golden Space Needle, 2001 San Francisco International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival Docker's Award for 1st Feature Film. DIR. JOHN CAMERON MITCHELL 2000 USA 90 MINUTES 35MM

FIN

Attend the Closing Night Party at the Hide and Seek Complex

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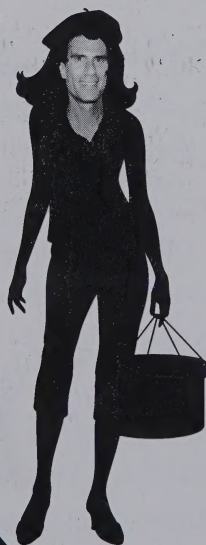
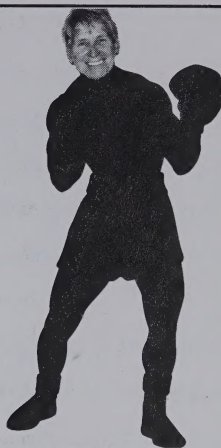


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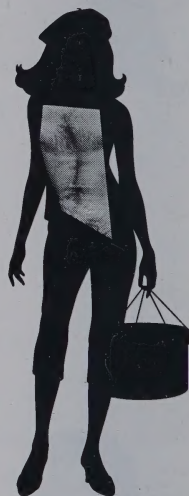




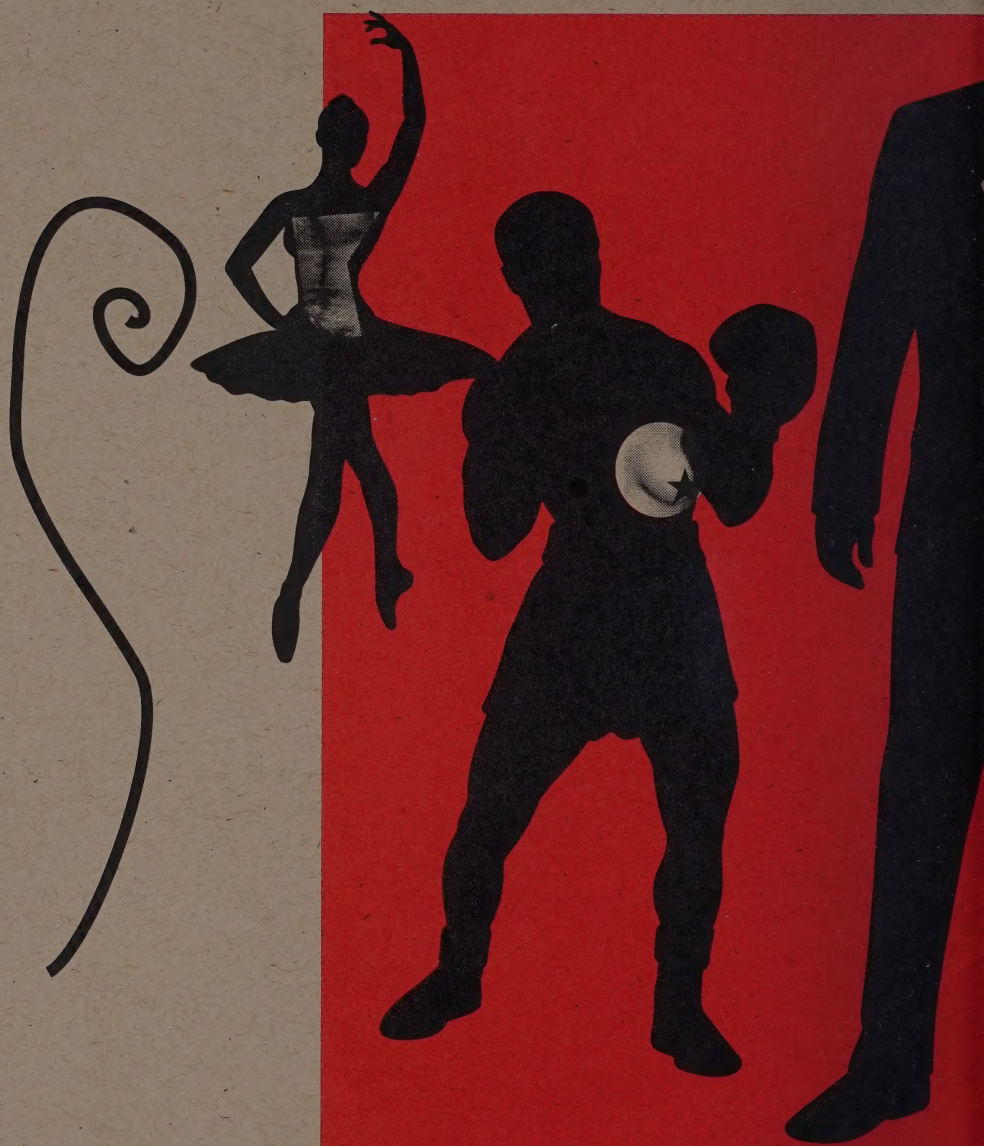
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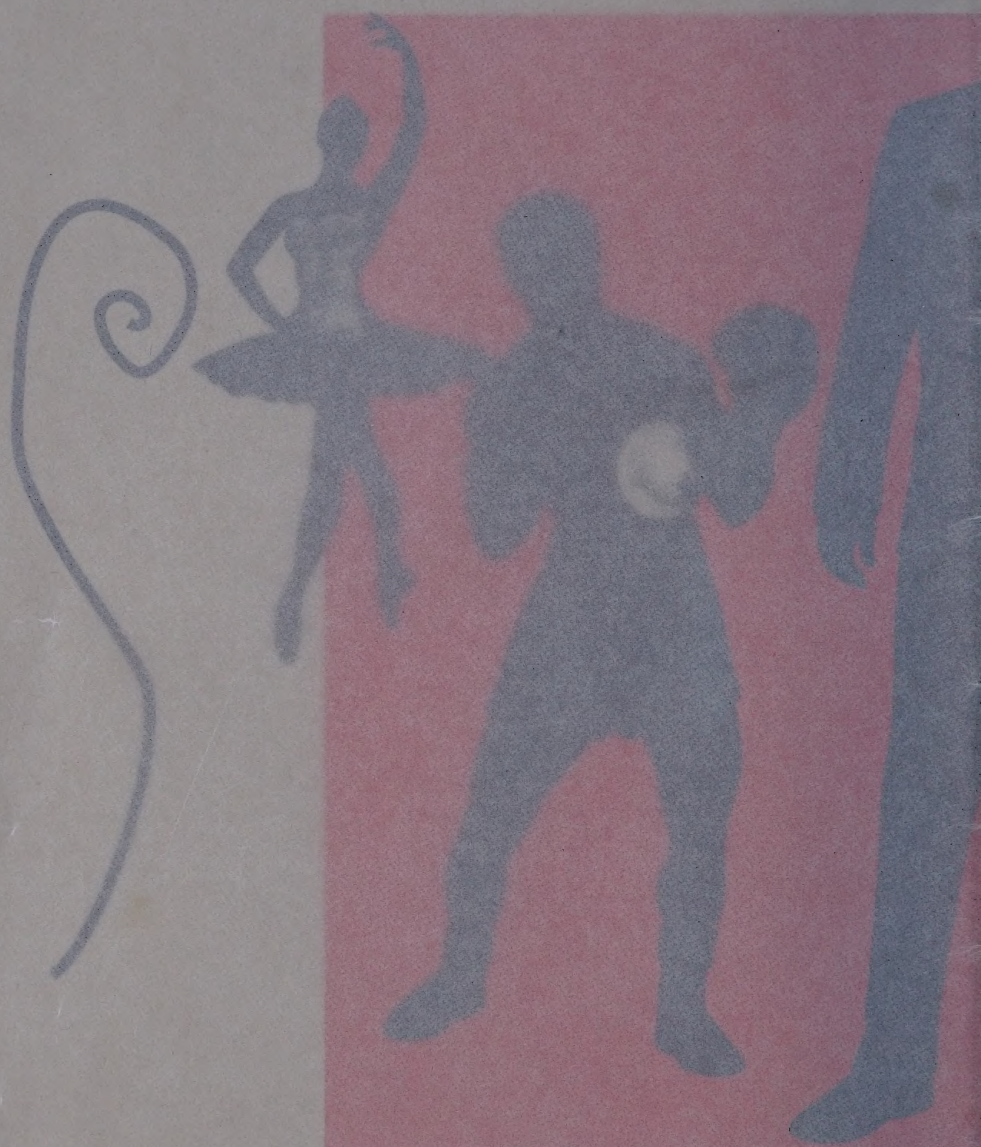
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